Government does not maintain data on the surplus land, losses suffered and modernisation proposals in respect of the non-NTC mills in the textile sector.

**Production and Consumption of Cloth in Madhya Pradesh**

2168. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production and consumptions of cloth, particularly cotton cloth is consistently declining in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take to boost the production of cloth, particularly cotton cloth in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Statistics pertaining to the production and consumption of cloth (including cotton cloth) is maintained on an all-India basis and not state-wise. The production and consumption of cloth however, has been increasing over the last three years on an all-India basis.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Export of Powerloom Cloth from Maharashtra**

2169. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quota has been prescribed by Government for export of powerloom cloth from Maharashtra and to which countries it is being exported;

(b) the quantum of export of powerloom cloth from Maharashtra as compared to other States;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for enhancement of the quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (e) Export quotas for textiles, including powerloom cloth, are not fixed on a State-wise basis nor are the export figures maintained State-wise. In the Long Term Textile Export Entitlement Allotment Policy (1994-96), 5% of the annual level has been earmarked for the powerloom Exporters Entitlement (PEE) system and at present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for enhancement of the PEE Quata.

**Financial Assistance to Handicraft Artisans**

2170. SHRI SARADA MOHANTI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been extending financial assistance to the State Governments to develop modern equipments for the handicrafts artisans;

(b) if so, whether any such assistance has been extended to Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by that State to develop and modernise equipment for the handicrafts artisans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) There is no scheme of the Government of India to extend financial assistance to the State Governments to develop modern equipments for the handicraft artisans, although technical guidance for supply of improved tools to crafts-persons are provided. However the Government of Orissa has a State sponsored scheme named "Modernisation of Equipment" under which an amount of Rs. 5.72 lakhs have been provided during 1992-93 and 1993-94 to sixty Handicrafts Cooperative Societies of the State.

**Construction of Handloom Expos**

2171. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total area of construction of Major Handloom Expos organised after August, 1993 and rate per sq. ft. for construction of State Pavillions and rate per sq. ft. for rent recovery from Handloom Agencies.

(b) whether representatives of Ministry were present in Tender Committee formed by Nodal agencies for organising these Expos;

(c) whether there was big difference in construction rates of State Pavillions and rent recovery from handloom agencies;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by Government on such arbitrary fixation of standard rates?